



A Resolution standing in solidarity with victims and families of Buffalo, New York Racist attack

WHEREAS, on May 15th, 2022, a white supremacist stormed into a super market in a predominately black community and opened fire on members of this community. This racist massacre resulted in 13 innocent people being shot, with 10 suffering from fatal injuries, including a retired police officer and an 86-year-old woman who had recently visited her husband in a nursing home.¹

WHEREAS, the lives of Roberta A. Drury, 32, of Buffalo. N.Y.; Aaron Salter, 55, of Lockport, N.Y.; Celestine Chaney, 65, of Buffalo; Andre Mackneil, 53, of Auburn, N.Y.; Katherine Massey, 72, of Buffalo; Margus D. Morrison, 52, of Buffalo; Heyward Patterson, 67, of Buffalo; Geraldine Talley, 62, of Buffalo; Ruth Whitfield, 86, of Buffalo; and Pearl Young, 77, of Buffalo were taken from them in this attack and the lives of Zaire Goodman, age 20, of Buffalo, and Jennifer Warrington of Tonawanda, N.Y., age 50, and Christopher Braden, age 55, of Lackawanna, N.Y are forever scarred by bodily injuries sustained in this attack.

WHEREAS, the cowardice gunman live streamed this disgusting act to a cohort of other white supremacists. The gunman was also seen apologizing to a white man he almost shot during the attack.

WHEREAS, the number of hate groups in the United States has increased by over 100% in the last 20 years, and this massacre is only a testament to the rise of hate targeted at minority groups in the United States.²

WHEREAS, in 2020 alone, 55.1% of hate crime offenders were white, and race/ethnicity/ancestry was the motivation behind 61.8% of reported single-bias incidents.³

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/16/us/buffalo-supermarket-shooting-monday/index.html>

² <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2019/year-hate-rage-against-change>

³ <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/hate-crime-statistics>

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council stands in solidarity with the victims, their loved ones, and members of the Buffalo, New York community where this atrocity took place.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council condemns all forms of racism and hate crimes, and takes a firm stance against white supremacy.